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The following document is cited in the specification of the application:

- (1) Miyatake et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,241,575, issued August 31, 1993.

Applicants would also like to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

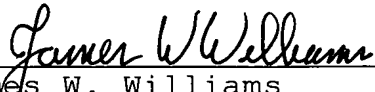
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 05-308522 (RICOH CO LTD), published November 19, 1993;
- (3) Takada et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,973,833, issued November 27, 1990;
- (4) Nakamura et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,289,286, issued February 22, 1994; and
- (5) Takebe et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,861,621, issued January 19, 1999.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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